

## **NEWS RELEASE**

## HERNDON TOWN COUNCIL ADOPTS ORDINANCE UPDATING TOWN PARKING REGULATIONS

Herndon, VA (January 26, 2022) – At its public hearing on Tuesday, January 25, the Herndon Town Council voted unanimously to amend the town's existing parking regulation ordinance, an action that addresses safety concerns and quality-of-life issues on the town's streets and in residential neighborhoods.

Among other updates to the town's previous parking ordinance, the newly-adopted ordinance

- Defines commercial vehicles by weight, width and length and clarifies definition of utility trailers;
- Prohibits parking within five feet of a driveway;
- Prohibits parking that prevents use of curb ramps;
- Prohibits parking of recreational vehicles in on streets in residential areas; and
- Defines abandoned/inoperable vehicles, procedures for removal, and payment of fines.

"These new provisions to the town's parking ordinance are designed to address issues Herndon residents have identified as detrimental to the quality of life in their neighborhoods and — more importantly — to their safety," said Mayor Sheila Olem. "They provide our parking official and the Herndon Police Department with additional tools to keep our streets safe."

The town's updated parking ordinance follows recent initiatives designed to address parking concerns, such as the hiring of an official dedicated to education about and enforcement of parking regulations and the establishment of parking permit zones in neighborhoods meeting certain criteria. The new parking ordinance is in effect immediately and will be uploaded to the town's website at Herndon-va.gov/meetings (see "approved" notes for the January 25 Town Council Public Hearing).

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